investigation works to prepare a Detailed Project Report for protection of Majuli Island from flood and erosion by rivers Brahmaputra and Subansiri.

Diversion of Funds allocated for Dams

592. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated for dams by Government to various States have not been utilized for the said purposes and have been diverted to other works; and

(b) if so, the diversion of such funds State-wise, alongwith the reasons for diversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No such matter has been reported by the State Governments to the Ministry of Water Resources.

Upper Tunga Project

593. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal relating to Upper Tunga Project from Government of Karnataka for irrigating 2,34,000 acres of land in Shimoga, Davangere and Haveri Districts of the States is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain aspects relating to irrigation and construction materials in respect of the Project still remain to be cleared by the Central Water Commission; and

(d) if so, the time by which necessary clearance is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and

(b) The Project Report of Upper Tunga Project with an estimated cost of Rs. 379.97 crores was submitted by the Government of Karnataka to Central Water Commission in February, 1992 for providing annual irrigation of 94698 Hectares (2,34,000 Acres) to Shimoga, Dharwad & Chitradurge districts.

(c) and (d) Clearance of the Project is linked with compliance of observations regarding dam, gates, canal, irrigation planning environmental, construction material and cost aspects by the State Government.

Clearance to Pollavaram Project in Karnataka

594. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka had requested for clearance of the Pollavaram Project to enable it to utilise 23 tmc. of water in terms of the Agreement entered into between the Government of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether necessary clearance has been accorded;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the clearance is likely to be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka had requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister during May'99 for clearance of Pollavaram Project to enable it to utilise 23 tmc. of water in terms of the Agreement entered into between the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(c) to (e) Clearance of the Pollavaram Project is linked with compliance of observations of various Central Appraising Agencies by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.